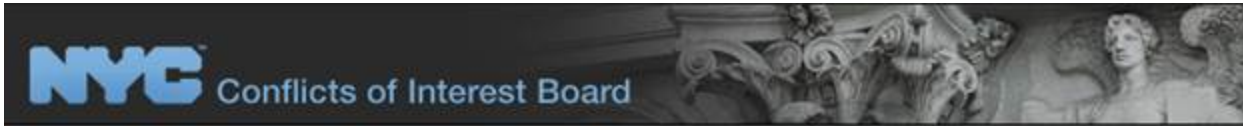


From: Michele Weinstat
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Attachments: COIB Disposition (DEP).pdf; COIB Disposition (DOE).pdf; COIB Disposition (DOHMH).pdf



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The New York City Conflicts of Interest Board (the “Board”) announces three settlements with public servants who misused City resources.

Misuse of City Resources. In a three-way settlement with the Board and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”), a DEP Sewage Treatment Worker admitted that, over the course of 22 months, he stole 11,328 pounds of metal worth approximately \$13,700 from DEP. For this misuse of City resources, he agreed to:

- (1) resign his DEP employment;
- (2) accept DEP’s prior imposition of a 65-day unpaid suspension valued at approximately \$15,900; and
- (3) pay \$13,700 in restitution to DEP.

The disposition is attached as “COIB Disposition (DEP).”

Misuse of City Resources. A New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) Associate Educational Analyst used another DOE employee’s procurement card to purchase \$554 worth of items for personal use, including clothing, a Kindle, and candy. In the resulting three-way settlement with the Board and DOE, DOE sought termination but agreed instead to accept the Associate Educational Analyst’s irrevocable resignation. The Board accepted the resignation as sufficient penalty for the Chapter 68 violations he committed. The disposition is attached to this email as “COIB Disposition (DOE).”

Misuse of City Time & Resources. In a three-way settlement with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (“DOHMH”), a DOHMH Public Health Advisor agreed to serve a six-workday suspension, valued at approximately \$936, and pay a \$300 fine to the Board for twice using a DOHMH vehicle to take personal trips to the Green Acres Mall in Nassau County. Both trips occurred during hours when the Public Health Advisor was required to be working for DOHMH. The disposition is attached to this email as “COIB Disposition (DOHMH).”

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